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#### Primary Judges.

After a vigorous and protracted struggle the freedom and the power of nomination by a primary. Nor was this freedom achieved readily, for a number of interests entrenched behind the old systems of ward and convention nominations naturally feared and obstructed tha method which appealed to the people direct. No election under the primary has yet been held that has awakened anything like the interest of the ap preaching senatorial and gubernatorial nominations. The voters are profoundly concerned, not only in the success of their individual candidates, but in the method by which that success shau be detered, and it is not too much to say that the people of Virginia as a whole regard this primary as a trial of the whole system-not that the voters believe that the failure to give a reasonable and system, but that they feel that the primary may be so mismanaged as not only to refleet discredit or disgrace on those charge with its control, but also to defeat the

To discredit the primary, to rebuff the popular desire for direct nomination. whether such result be produced by undue expense, by doubt of fairness, or by active perversion, will be set back the political life of this State for many

To come to our own problem here in son why the City Democratic Committee should refuse to allow the request made by representative citizens that one judge at each precinct be appointed by a disinterested board. The alleged reason for not granting this request is that to take such a step would reflect upon the character and capacity of the City Committee

It is noteworthy that while no vote was taken a number of the members committee, who have the highest standing in the community, expressed themselves as willing to adopt method of proceedure that would most nearly insure the people's wish for a square deal. In so vital a quesbasis of popular government, for no people can be said to govern themselves when they cannot elect their own officials, it would seem an excess of morbidity to allow the over sensitiveness of a few committeemen to stand in the way of a request that is on its face, both just, reasonable and for the public good,

## The Library: Utility or Play-

thing?
A writer in the New York "Indepen dent" advances the interesting contention that public libraries in the United States have become almost wholly feminized. The number of men who take books out of the town library," he asserts, "or go to it for reference, is small," a condition of affairs which he attributes to two prime causes: "First, the men have come to think that there is nothing in the morary for them; and, second, they are usually right in thinking so, ' And he adds the suggestion that the mere fact that library management and attendance is largely in the hands of women, may have contributed toward giving the library a somewhat distinctively feminine char-

The facts upon which this argument is based appear to be incontrovertible. Un questionably, the number of women who regularly take advantage of the facilities of the public library is larger, probably very much larger, than the number Without doubt, too, as to their manner of using it, it is roughly true that women look upon the town library As a pleasant convenience for providing recreation for idle hours, rather than a a working necessity for the supplying of vital information. Granting this, how ever, it still seems true that the "Inde pendent" writer is unduly pessimistic in

on summer evenings, and the fireworks

Only in the case of a very small and ill-chosen selection of books, surely, would the men of a town be right in concluding that "there is nothing in it for them." When a library is justly open to that charge, and it is a serious one, the reflection attaches, not to the library idea as a whole, but to that particular collection of books. A man may not feel the need of a library every day, but when he does need it, he needs it badly. The prime requisite, obviously, should be that of usefulness. The library should be the dependable purveyor of information and Instruction to its community. For that eason its reference shelves, made of "books which nobody wants on his shelves, but which anybody is liable to need some time." should receive the most careful consideration. Worthly to discharge its function, it must stand in per fect readiness to yield at all times and to all sorts and conditions of men or women, the things which he or she individually is anxious at that moment to now. In the matter of finding out things for ourselves, in short, it must be our faithful ally and inerrant teacher.

No doubt the town library, through lack of funds, or, perhaps, more rarely, indifferent choice of books, is not always all that it should be. Where it has demonstrated its uselessness to the men within its "sphere of influence," it has shown itself in so far-and in a most important direction-a failure. But, fortunntely, this does not appear to be a general truth, as could be testified by a great number of men, particularly in the larger centers, to whom the public library has been of the most immeasurable and priceless assistance. Where the library bes resolved itself into nothing more than a source of recreation for the non-working classes of a community, it has, beyond contradiction, fallen from its highest estate; but even then we should be inclined to award it a considerably higher valuation in the life of that community than we should give to a "municipa amusement, like the band playing in the

Pessimistic July Orations.

events can but be impressed with the fact that the most of this year's crop of Fourth of July orations were rather gloomy and in a pessimistic strain. Looked at from one point of view, this is to be deplored, but viewed from another point, it looms up as another encouraging sign of the times.

Governor Robert B. Glenn, the chief executive of North Carolina, was the celebration of Independence Day in New York city, and the Governor assumed the saw terrible clouds overshadowing the country. True, he admitted that some of them are no larger than a man's hand but he thinks even the hand span clouds are susceptible of early and prodigious growth. With vigor of gesture and power of voice characteristic of the man, Governor Glenn declared that "there are forces to-day at work which, unless speedily checked, will destroy our nation and bring shame and disgrace on our wonderful people." Further on in his ration the Governor saw awfully black clouds hanging over the political horizon and others darker and more portentous ate a few of the black canopies

"First," he said, "is the conflict between sapital and labor. Another great dan ger is the concentration of all wealth in the hands of a few, the few controlling the many. A third danger is, we are liv ing too fast, both as a nation and as individuals. It is making us a nation of gamblers and thieves.

"One more danger, and this is the danger of the great cities-unrest, anxiety a never-ending, ceaseless strain on body mind and soul. No time for Sunday and rest. Vice stalking abroad in the day and shame without fear walking at

Simply awful, if true; and Governo Glenn, who is the soul of honor, believes these things to be realities, or he never would have mentioned them. In a great measure they are true, but it is fair to dition of the Governor's liver after he had been wrestling a couple of days with the dystepsia-creating dinners and luncheons for which the Tammany Wigwam is fa-

are imaginary we think there can be no doubt, but that others of them are in deed real, every one, whether he be an Independence Day orator or just a plain observer of events, knows full well. The neouraging sign of the times is that men of power and influence like Governor Glenn are arising in their might to condomn the evil tendency of things. The people are equal to any emergency. They will right wrongs when the wrongs becalled to them. The old maxim that an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure is as sound to-day as ever, and so it may be well enough for pessimists of impending clouds to the end that the people may be put upon their guard. Even a pessimist can be made, and sometimes is, very useful. The weak point in Governor Clenn's Fourth of July oration is that he left the eagle screaming in fright and offered the bird no remedy for its troubles.

However, Judge Parker, late Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, wrote a letter, which was read at the same Tammany celebration, and in that letter he filled the gap Governor Glenn had left so wide open. Judge Parker also saw dark clouds, which he enumerated as too much greed, graft, a howling for municipal ownership, political corruption (national and municipah, etc., etc., but the Judge suggested a remedy, an old-fashioned, never-failing remedy; a remedy that is in the hands of

require nothing but the old respect for law, a demand for its rigid execution, and a recognition of those dectrines and practices which fix unalterably the limits of right and wrong. We do not need to look for new cures for the old disenses; w have only to apply the old remedies in drastic doses."

Thus, is seened as weed deal of the

That is sense, and a good deal of it. needed remedies for present and prospective evils, and the people will apply them when their attention is properly called to the case. The country is not going bow wows, because the people are the country, and the people still

#### Root the Man, If-

It seems plain enough that the Hon Elihu Root can be Secretary of State if he wishes to. His views on the proposed extensions of the Monroe Doctrine are substantially those of President Roose velt. The fact just at this time makes Mr. Root the President's first choice. The only question is can Mr. Root, or will Mr. Root give up a very lucrative law practice to accept a high office, whose salary attained is not sufficient to meet the necessary bills of a member of the Cabinet. The expenses of public officers in Washington must be reduced or their pay must be increased, if we want the best men for the positions to be filled.

Reform Up North.

Our good friends up North have made of July, or rather the manner of observing the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. That they are making progress along this line in spite of the efforts and influence of the small boy and the fireworks makers and dealers, is evidenced by the following from the esteemed Springfield, Mass., Republican of the 4th instant:

"The aforetime pandemonium, which used to break loose in Springfield before midnight and rage thereafter, to the murder of sleep and the general discomfort was happily absent last night. The relief, which appears to have been genera throughout the city, was welcomed by all. It looks as if this reform had come to stay—and it will be the fault of the people if it doesn't. Great is the power people if it doesn't. Great is the power of a right and well-directed public senti-ment!"

According to the reports submitted at the recent reunion of Confederate veterans at Louisville, only four of the seventeen lleutenant-generals of the South are nov living, and only four of the major-generals remain, while of the 292 brigadierwhom are, of course, very old men. The old fighters are rapidly passing away, the sadder by another report submitted at the reunion to the effect that the order of the Sons of Veterans is not pros perous, the sons and grandsons of the brave men who fought for the loved cause not showing the inclination that was expected of them to keep up the organization after the heroes of forty-odd years ago shall have passed over the

Much has been said and written about the Bowen-Loomis affair, but it remained for Life to sum the whole business up in the neatest nutshell. That journal puts it this way:

"Mr. Bowen and Mr. Loomis were both and Bowen and Mr. Loomis were both indiscreet Mr. Bowen believed Mr. Loomis was a scamp, and went out of his way to make his government aware of it. It seems he was mistaken; let us rejoice at that; but he had a great deal more reason to think what he thought than he should have had. The Impression left on the mind by the report of the case submitted by the President is that Mr. Bowen conducted himself rashly and obstreperously, but like an honest man intolerant of graft; and that Mr. Loomis behaved with great prudence and self-control in perils which he ought never to have incurred. Mr. Bowen has been dismissed and Mr. Loomis retained, but which has come off better is a question which it will take time to settle."

new summer suit is taken to mean that Wall Street is just as prosperous as ever.-Atlanta Journal. There is an awful temptation to attach a rather different significance to the transaction, but by grace we are enabled to resist.

Old subscriber: No, the Mr. Root re cently so badly punished in the twelfth round (as they say) is not the gentleman prominently mentioned for the President's Cabinet. Jack must never be con-

Iowa is still loaded with new "loda idees." Two farmers in that State settled a land boundary dispute the other day by the simple method of shaking

The unlucky thing about the Wallace business is that Senator Morgan is furnished material for another speech of two or more months' duration.

In the downfall of Durham and the crash of things in Philadelphia, Senator Penrose gets lost under a pile of rub-

Another "ga-lorious Fourth" has played a one day stand with us, and it will take two or three more days in which to estimate the casualties.

Enough fire crackers and sky rockets came on the scene yesterday and last night to demonstrate that we are slowly becoming Yankcelzed.

The Chicago grand jury and Commissioner Garfield are very wide apart on estimates of the assets and profits of

have all been appointed, and the real fight between Russia and Japan will soon

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concluding that "the town illurary is to be classed rather with numerical amuse-ments like the bang playing in the park the park angers which confront us are now, they rise the appetite, strengthen the the people and castly applied. He wrotes the people and relieve Headache, Bloating, "It is thus made incumbent upon us to indigestion. Dyspepsia, Costiveness, ments like the bang playing in the park dangers which confront us are now, they rise. Don't fall to try it.

## Brief Items From Everywhere.

Shonts Arrested.

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STAMFORD, CONN., July 5.—T. D.

Shonts, of Chicago, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, was arrested
here yesterday afternoon for violation of
the automobile speed law.

Shonts, with a party of ladies, did an
eighth of a mile in twenty-two seconds,
while en route to his summer home at
Greenwich. He gave bond for his appearance in court.

#### Important Discovery.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.
BERLIN, July 4.—Another important discovery has been made by Professor Robert Koch, who is at Iringa, German Southwest, Africa. In a telegram from that place, he announces that he has found the origin of the tsetse disease in certain infuroria in the body of the tsetse fiv. fly.
The discovery leads to the hope that

means will be found to combat the epi-demic, which annually kills thousands of

Baltimore Fire Victim's Luck. PITTSBURG, July 6.-A house occupie by Peter Pulaski, on Forbes Street, we destroyed by fire yesterday. Pulaski moved here from Baltimore recently, having been burned out by the fire there.

Monday he drew \$800 out of a bank, with which to purchase a new home. The money was in a cupboard, and was consumed.

Killed By Side of Fiancee.

BOSTON, July 5.—Early in the day this year's Independence Day celebration in Boston claimed its first victim, and the life of William Brown was sacrificed to the carelessness of some unknown person who was firing a revolver in violation of the law. Brown, who was sitting on the steps of the house. No. 15 Anderson steps of the house, No. 15 Anderson Street, in the West End, with his finnees, suddenly fell forward without a word,

Airship Disabled.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Leo Stevens's alrship, the California Arrow, was disabled at Brighton Beach early yesterday in an attempt at flight by coming in contact with telegraph poles, which tore off two of its propellers. Luckily the machine was near the ground when it struck the obstruction.

Though suffering from concussion sustained as the result of the accident, Stevens was not beriously injured.

#### Miss Gould to Aid Sailors.

NEW YCRK, July 5.-Miss Helen Gould is to spend another fortune in bepalf of the American sallor. She is to con struct a large addition to the naval branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Brooklyn, created by her at a cost of nearly a mil-

lion dollars.

Miss Gould is moved to make her latest gift because of the inadequate sleeping accommodations in the present home of the bluejackets. She has learned that hundreds of tars are nightly turned away for lack of room.

Meningitis in German Navy. BERLIN, July 5.—Cerebro spinal men-ingilis continues epidemic in parts of Gerne cases occurred this week among the sailors at Kiel. At Kattowitz, Henry's new country house.

Silesia, sixteen persons died of meningitis last week and 102 cases were reported.

### Tenement House Strike.

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NEW YORK, July 5.—Forty families in the big flow-story tenement house at Nos. 100 and 111 Goorck Street, are on strike against their landlord, Samuel Cohan, who has been made practically a prisoner in his own house, and says he is in foar of violence if he attempts to go on the street. Tenement dwellers and the police of the locality are watching the controversy with much interest.

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Besides refusing either to pay the increased rent or to move, the tenants have posted notices in the hallways of the building and festooned the front of the structure with placards printed in red ink, telling the world that a righteous strike is on against the landlord, and requesting all friends of the poor to keep away from the place and redulin from leasing apartments. The notices are printed in Hebrew and English.

Use Maple Syrup.

MONTPILLER, VT. July 5.—Governor Bell has named his elder daughter, Miss Jennie Bell, to break the customary bottle over the bow of the battleship Vermont when it is launched at Quincy, Mass., August 31st.

Much plensantry has appeared in the

Much pleasantry has appeared in the State press over what should be used at the launching.

Maple syrup has been suggested by sev-eral editors as Vermont's most typical product

product.
Others think a bottle of hard cider would be fitting for a battleship named for a truly rural State.

Shot When He Went to Wed.

NEW YORK, July 5.—On request of the Port Reading, N. J., police, Gargi Azholino, a. fireman on the United States transport Kilpatrick, was arrested on his arrival here last night.

According to the Port Reading police, Azholino went there yesterday to be married, but got into an altercation with the bride's family, which led to the drawler.

bride's family, which led to the drawing of revolvers. Azholino fled for protection to a clump of bushes, from which he fired on his pursuers, who returned the

fire.

With a bullet in his left leg, he succeeded in making his escape and catching a train for New York, where he was arrested.

#### Mystery in Robbery.

NEW YORK. July 5.—It seems to be fully established that it was not an outsider who stole the jewelry worth \$25,000 from the home of Jackson Higginson, the banker, last Saturday morning. When Detective McCafferty went to the Highginson house to investigate yesterday the door was slammed in his face, and It is understood that other detectives have been told that their services were no

#### Guests of Prince Henry

KIEL, GERMANY, July 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt returned here from Travemunde on the steam yacht. North Star, and then departed for Hemmelmark, where they will be the guests of Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia. for several days. Hemmelmark is Princ

#### THE "JIM BLUDSO" POEM BY JOHN HAY

In his younger days, the late Hon. John Hay, statesman and diplomat, wrote dialect poetry. It is said that in his maturer years he was ashamed of some of the products of his immature pen some of the products of his immature pen and often expressed the wish that he might be able to recall from type and from the memory of men all of his dialect verses. Why Mr. Hay should, ever have regretted giving to the world "Little Breeches" or "Jim Bludso," it is hard to understand. Against the last named he seemed to have had a real spite, and it is reported that for the past twenty-five years Mr. Hay destroyed every copy of it he saw in print. Barring what the straight-laced strict constrictionists might regard as too much liberty with accepted doctrine and with the sacred propriettes we regard "Jim Bludso" as a gem that its author might well have been proud of. Here it is:

"JIM BLUDSO."

Wall, not I can't tell whar he lives,
Becase he don't live, you see;
Leastways, hes' got out of the habit
Of livin' like you and me,
Whar have you been for the last three

That you haven't heard folks tell How Jimmy Bludso passed in his checks The night of the Prairie Belle?

He weren't no saint-them engineers Is all pretty much alike-One wife in Natchez-under-the-Hill

One wife in Natchez-under-the-Hill And another one here in Pike; A keerles man in his talk was Jim, And an awkward man in a row, But he never flunked, and he never lied I reckon he never knowed how,

And this was all the religion he had— To treat his engine well; Never be passed on the river; To mind the pilot's bell; And if ever the Prairie Belle took fire— A thousand times he swore He'd hold her nozzle agin the bank Till the last soul got ashore.

All boats has their day on the Missilippi,
And her day come at last—
The Movaster was a better boat,
But the Belle, she wouldn't be passed.
And so she come tearin' along that
night—
The oldest craft on the line—
With a nigger squat on her safoty-valve,
And her furnace crammed, resin and
pine.

The fire bust out as she cleared the bar,
And burnt a hole in the night,
And quick as a fash she turned and made
For that willer-bank on the right.
There was runnin' and cursin', but Jim
yelled out,
Over all the infernal rear,
"Ill hold her nozzle agin the bank
Till the last galoot's ashore,"

Through the hot, black breath of the burnin' boat
Jim Hludso's volce was heard,
And they all had trust in his cussedness,
And know'd he would keep his word.
And, sure's you're born, they all got off
Afore the smokestucks fell—
And Bludso's ghoat went up alone
In the smoke of the Prairie Bello.

He were't no saint-but at jedgment
I'd run my chance with Jim,
'Lonkside of some plous gentlemen
That wouldn't shook hands with him.
He seen his daty, a dead-sure thing—
And went for it thar and then;
And Christ ain't a-going to be too hard
On a man that died for men.

Has Always Worn Boots.

United States Commissioner Shields, of New York, put on his first pair of shoes last week. From boyhood up he had stuck to old-fashioned boots, and the new footsear caused him no end of troughel. Every now and then throughout the first day some one had to tie up he strings for him, and then he discovered his socks wouldn't stay up. "My son Archie got me to buy them." he said, contemplating his new shoes, "but I think I'll send him out of towa to-morrow and put my boots back on. They stay tied, and it's all right if your socks do wriatkie," Has Always Worn Boots.

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

July 6th.

1189—Henry II., of England, died. He added Brittainy and Ireland to his dominions, attempted to repress the ambiltion of the clergy, and died of a broken heart at the rebellion of his 495-Battle of Fornovo (Italian Wars)

1495—Battle of Fornovo (Italian Wars), between 34,000 Venetians and Mantuans, under Francisco de Gonzaga, of Mantua, and 8,000 French and Swiss, under Charles VIII.
 1734—Battle of Quistello (War of the Palish succession), between the Imperialists, under Prince Eugene, and the French, under the Duc de Broglie. Prince Eugene gained a signal victory.

victory. 1746—Battle of Rotto Freddo (War of the Austrian Succession), when the rear guard of the retreating French army under Marsia Maillebols, was attacked

by the Austrians, under Prince Lich by the Austrains, under Prince Mon-tenstein, and after a gallant resist-ance defeated with heavy loss. 1779—Action off Granada between the British fleet, Admiral Barrington, twenty-one ships, and French fleet, twenty-seven ships, Admiral d'Es-tains.

taing.
2-Sixth action between the British
fleet, Admiral Hughes, and French,
Admiral Suffrein, in the night, in color

Both fleets suffered much; French lost the Orient, crew saved. 1801—Action of Algesiras between the British and French fleets. A Brit-ish seventy-four grounded and was

4—General Jean Jacques Dressalines, of Haxtl, was declared Governor for life.

fife.

1809—British sloop of war Bonne Citoyenne captured in six hours and fifty
minutes French frigate La Furieuse,
British loss, one killed, five wounded;
French loss, thirty-five killed, thirtyseven wounded. 1839—Great fire at Eastport, Maine, by

which the larger portion of the bus-iness part of the town was de-1849-Successful sortle of the Danes

9—Successful sortie of the Danes be-sleged in the fort of Frederick by the Schleswig-Holsteiners, of whom 3,112 were slain and taken prisoners. 4—The Constitutional Convention of Nevada selected Nevada as the name of the State and adopted a Constitu-tion.

tion. 8—The Spanish authorities exchange Licutenant Hobson and his seven men for prisoners taken by the American

#### A FACT ABOUT THE "BLUES"

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## TALKING OF ELIHU ROOT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Invitation to Cleveland Regarded as Significant. Suits Against Many Railroads for Violation of Cattle Laws.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WAMHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—The decision of the Department of Agriculture to institute suits against a great number of the railroads of the country for violation of the law requiring that cattle shall not be transported for a longer period than twenty-eight hours without food and water, will, it is said, affect nearly every railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The suits will amount to 1,20 in number, and the prescribed fine in each case is \$500. The suits will be filed in the Circuit Courts of the United States. It is said that so clear is the evidence against the railroads that the attorneys for several of the big companies have also and the promise and the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the circuit courts of the United States, it is said that so clear is the evidence against the railroads that the attorneys for several of the big companies have also and the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the promotion comes are the reward of merit. When the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the promotion comes are the reward of merit. When the promotion comes are the reward of merit. When the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the promotion comes as the reward of merit. When the promotion comes are the reward of merit. When the promotion comes are the reward of merit. He is a nephew of the department. He is a nephew of the and water, will, it is said, affect nearly every railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The suits, will amount to 1,200 in number, and the prescribed fine in each case is \$500. The suits will be filed in the Circuit Courts of the United States. It is said that so clear is the evidence against the railroads that the attorneys for several of the big companies have already instituted negotiations with Secretary of the companies with Secretary of the secretary ready instituted negotiations with Secready instituted negotiations with sec-retary Wilson with a view to compro-mising the cases. It is said that several of them have agreed to the payment of fines amounting to \$100 in each case. Owing to the fact that the departments were closed to-day, as a mark of respect to the memory of Secretary Hay, it was impossible to obtain a list of the roads impossible to obtain a list of the roads which are alleged to have been guilty of violations of the law. The progress of the cases will be watched with close attention by the cattle raisers of Southwest Virginia, and the country at large.

The total absence of any expression from Oyster Bay as to the preference of the President, has Washington very much at sea concerning the successor to the place of Secretary of State made vacant by the death of Hon. John Hay. While it is believed that should Secretary of Secretary of Secretary of Secretary of Secretary of Secretary by the death of Hon. John Hay. Taft wish the appointment he would re Taft wish the appointment he would receive it. There is some doubt whether he desires it. It is said there are various matters connected with the administration of the government of the Philippines which he wants to settle before retiring from the Department of War. Then there is the Panama Canal. The secretary is extremely desirous that it be completed during his administration of the affairs of the War Department or, at least, that

of the War Department, or, at least, that it, be got so well under way that its eventual completion will be assured.

There, is talk of the appointment of Elihu Root to the Secretaryship of State, The action of Mr. Rooseveit in inviting his form Decretary of War to accompany him to Ceveland and to attend the him to Cleveland and to attend funeral of Secretary Hay as the repre sentative of the State Department, has caused a renewal of gossip to the effect that he will offer the secretaryship to Mr. Root. He said on the occasion of the retirement of Elihu Root from the War Department that he could fill any post

Department that he could fill any posi-tion in the Cabinet as acceptably as any man. Mr. Root was probably as able a man as any that has filled a cabinet position in this country in fifty years, which is saying a great deal.

The local papers published a list of the prisoners who were taken from the Dis-trict fall to the penitentiary at Mounds-ville, W. Va. The list is about an aver-age one, and expresses just about the proportion of felonies committed by negroes and white penne in the District proportion of felonies committed by negroes and white people in the District of Columbia. There were four white prisoners sent to Moundsville, and twen-ty-one negroes.

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These flures afford the occasion for a great deal of thought by sociologists. It is claimed by Northern people that the education of the negro is the solution of the race problem. In Washington he is surrounded by conditions that are ideal, from the Northern standpoint. He has schools that are the best, and protection and consideration that is fully up to the standard, recommended by the Northern people, in fact, there is nothing wanting that they recommend to solve the problem. And yet in no State in the South is there proportionately as much crime among negroes as there is right here in Washington. The white population, according to the last census, was 191.000, and the negro population \$1,000. And yet with this disparity of population nearly two and a half times as many whites as blacks, there are more, than five times as many felonies committed in this paradise of the colored race, by negroes as by white people. How these conditions can be reconciled with the Northern opinion that the education of the race is the solution of the problem is another question. There is another interesting fact, and that is that nearly every negroe oriminated in the penitentiary, can read and write.

J. Howard Graves, who has been appointed clerk of the Department of Justice, has been promoted to Assistant Attorney, under Special Assistant Attorney.

Mr. Turner Watson, of Notioway county, who has been in Northern Virginia for some days looking after the interests of Judge William H. Mann's candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination, said here to-day that he had been surprised to find the Judge was so strong in those counties. He believes confidently he says, that Ludge Mann will be says, the ludge Mann will be says the says of the say in those counties. He believes confidently, he says, that Judge Mann will be the nominee. Judge Mann will speak at Leesburg to-morrow night, and at Hamilton, Loudoun county, on Friday night. He will speak at Falls Church, Fairfax county, or in Alexandria, on Saturday night.

## RHYMESFORTODAY

All day our streets stood calm and still, Bereft of rows, in restful quiet, And none fared Fourth to maim or kill Or riot.

So naught disturbed the most consorious-Ah, different was the day up North, Where horrid noise e'er marks the glor-Old Fourth.

Tis there the glant cracker cracks, The rocket rocks and bombs go bom-bing, And Roman candles cand and wax Alarming,

And sizzers sizz and pinwheels pin And cunnons can and got releade While kind hands lift the lad that's

Aye, there saltpetre's truly king,
And kingly bids a regal rumpus.
But here, how quiet! 'Tis a thing
To stump us!

mus, Let's think us of this pent-up noise Next Christmas.

Vessel on Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, July 5.—The steamer Vera (British), from Boston, reported sighting, on July 1st, close to Marquesas rock buoy, between Sand Key and Tor-tugus, a vessel on fire, with a three-masted schooner anchored nearby.

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